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OPINION BELOW

The opinion of the Court of Appeals of Georgia is reported at 147 Ga. App. 395, sub nom., *Morrow, et al.* v. *The State* and is reproduced as petitioner's Appendix "A". Also appearing in Appendix "A" is the unreported order of the Court of Appeals denying the petition for a rehearing. The Order of the Supreme Court of Georgia denying the petition for a Writ of Certiorari to review the judgment of the Court of Appeals of Georgia was entered on November 30, 1978 and is unreported.

JURISDICTION

The opinion of the Court of Appeals of Georgia was rendered on September 12, 1978. The order of the Court of Appeals denying the petition for a rehearing was entered on October 5, 1978. The order of the Supreme Court of Georgia denying the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari was entered on November 30, 1978. The jurisdiction of the United States is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1357(3) and is timely.

QUESTION PRESENTED

Does the double jeopardy clause bar defendant's conviction in Fulton County, Georgia, for communicating gambling information after he has been convicted in Walton County, Georgia, for commercial gambling where the evidence showed that defendant was involved in one gambling operation with participants in the two counties and where the state's theory of liability was the same in both cases?

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND STATUTES INVOLVED

(1) The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution provides in relevant part:

> No person shall . . . be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; . . . nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; . . . .

(2) The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution provides in relevant part:

> . . . . . nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law . . . . . .

STATUTORY PROVISIONS OF GEORGIA CODE

§ 26-2706 Georgia Code provides:

Communicating Gambling Information

A person who knowingly communicates information as to bets, betting odds, or changes in betting odds or who knowingly installs or maintains equipment for the transmission or receipt of such information with the intent to further gambling commits communcating gambling information. A person convicted of communicating gambling information shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or by a fine not to exceed $5,000, or both.

§ 26-2703 Georgia Code provides in pertinent part:

Commercial Gambling

A person commits commercial gambling when he intentionally does any of the following acts:

(a) Operates or participates in the earnings of a gambling place; or

(b) Receives, records, or forwards a bet or offer to bet; . . . . . .

A person convicted of commercial gambling shall be punished as for a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. . . . . .

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On November 26, 1975 the District Attorney of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit submitted an application to Judge Thomas V. Ridgeway of Walton Superior Court, Georgia, requesting a warrant authorizing electronic surveillance in order to gather evidence of

gambling-related activity. The application alleged that "[s]ince said offenses, discussions and conversations are considered by petitioner to be of a *continuing* nature . . . . ." (emphasis added) the tap should "not cease immediately upon the seizure of the *first* conversations and discussion relative to said offenses, but [should] continue for the entire authorized twenty day period, until all such conversations and discussions between said parties relative to the offenses herein enumberated [sic] are seized, at which point said surveillance shall terminate forthwith." (Emphasis in original.) (R. State Exhibit #2).

The District Attorney's application was buttressed by the underlying affidavit of one Douglas K. Anders, an Atlanta law-enforcement official, in which Anders related the complex, hierarchial and *continuing* nature of gambling-related activity, that the tap's target (one Maynard Washington Osborne) "is merely one individual in the total heirarchy (sic) of the bookmaking organization," that the "purpose of the electronic surveillance is to determine to what extent and scope the individual whose telephone is being surveilled is involved in the bookmaking organization," that [o]ne of the purposes of this investigation is to root out those who were ultimately responsible . . . ." Finally, he alleged that there was "probable cause to believe that particular communications concerning the said offenses will be obtained through the surveillance for which the warrant is prayed." (R. State's Exhibit #2).

Judge Ridgeway's Order of authorization was for a period of 20 days, commencing November 29th and ending December 17th, 1976. Judge Ridgeway's Order provided that "since said offenses, discussions, and conversations are determined by the Court to be of a

continuing nature," (emphasis added), the tap may continue throughout the entire 20 day period and need not cease "upon the seizure of the *first* conversations and discussions relative to said offenses but may continue throughout the entire authorized twenty-day period until all such conversations and discussions between said parties are seized . . . ." (Emphasis in original). (R. D.'s Ex. #2).

During the execution of the Walton County tap on Osborne's phone, innumerable gambling-related conversations between Osborne and the petitioner herein were intercepted. This led to Williams' indictment at the February 1976 term of the Walton County Grand Jury on approximately ten gambling-related counts. More specifically, he was "charged with multiple counts of communicating gambling information and also commercial gambling as well as one charge of conspiracy to communicate gambling information." (The language quoted above is an extract from the plea colloquy which was annexed as Appendix "A" of Williams' brief in the Court of Appeals.)

He pled guilty on February 24, 1976. On Count #1, Williams was sentenced to 12 months probated and a fine of $1,000.00. On Count #2, 12 months probated and an additional fine of $1,000.00. On Count #3, 12 months consecutive to the sentences imposed in Counts #1 and #2 and a fine of $1,000.00. On Count #4, 12 months consecutive to the sentences of Counts #1, #2, and #3 and a fine of $1,000.00. On Count #5, 12 months probated consecutive to the sentences previously imposed. On Count #6, 12 months probated concurrent with the sentences previously imposed. Similarily on Counts #7, #8, #9, and #10.

On December 11th, 1976, while the Walton County tap was in progress, Judge Ridgeway issued an order authorizing the evidence gathered in Walton County to be turned over to Fulton County's law enforcement officials so that they could establish "probable cause for an investigative warrant for the telephone or telephones . . . of Williams." (R. Defendant's Ex. #1.) On December 16th, while the Walton County tap was still in progress, an application was presented by the Fulton County District Attorney to Judge Jeptha Tanksley for an order of authorization to conduct electronic surveillance in Fulton County on Williams' phone in order to intercept the conversations of "James Bert Williams, aka 'Jimmy', Maynard Washington Osborne aka 'Bill', aka 'Junior', Sam Mooney [1] and other unknown persons . . . . ." (R. State's Ex. #2.)

Once again the underlying affidavit was executed by Anders. (R. State's Ex. #2). On December 16th, the day before the Walton County tap terminated, Judge Tanksley issued an order authorizing a tap on Williams' phone for 20 days, December 16th - January 6th, 1976.

As in the Walton County application and order, it was alleged by the applicant and found by the issuing Judge that the offense under investigation was a *continuing* one and therefore the tap should not terminate upon the interception of the first conversation but should continue for the full 20 day period.

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[1] It was established during the evidentiary hearing that Mooney had been dead for three and one-half years. (Page 659, Evidentiary Hearing.)

Both taps were installed and monitored by the same personnel, Atlanta's Gambling-squad. (P.944 of the Evidentiary Hearing transcript.)

On February 20th, 1976, 14 days after the Walton County indictment, Williams was indicted in Fulton County based on the evidence gathered during the December 16 - January 6, 1976 tap.

Upon conviction he was sentenced to serve five (5) years and fined $5,000.00.

A timely motion of Autrefois Convict based upon the prior conviction in Walton County was overruled.

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION

To hold, as the Court of Appeals did, that each telephonic communication to a bettor by one engaged in a continuing gambling business is a discrete offense, for each of which he may be separately indicted in every county wherein the bettor received the communication, and for each of which he may be separately punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years (see § 26-2706 Ga. Code) is frightening, draconian, and an affront to the Due Process and Double Jeopardy Clauses of the Constitution.

The Court of Appeals decided this issue in a way that should not be permitted to stand. What happened here violates the minimization requirement of § 2518(5), Title 18 U.S.C. and the teaching of *Berger* v. *New York,* 388 U.S. 347 (1967), that a wire tap must terminate immediately upon the seizure of the evidence sought otherwise it would convert the search for specific evidence into a general search unrestricted in scope.

The court below held that each and every telephone call constituted a discrete violation for which the petitioner could be separately punished; however, the court found (in Div. 6, 147 Ga. App. at 401) that Williams "has no basis for complaint. He was charged with one count of gambling in Fulton County on December 20, 1975. Perusal of his telephone log for that day, between the hours of 10:33 a.m. and 9:11 p.m. (ten and one-half hours), reveals 113 telephone calls involving gambling activities. Of these possible 113 criminal violations—one was charged."

Moreover, the Court stated, "We are not prepared to hold that because one jurisdiction has knowledge of a defendant committing a substantial number of offenses within their jurisdiction that this precludes another jurisdiction within Georgia from continuing to investigate defendant's criminal activities within its jurisdiction after that period of time."[2] (147 Ga. App. at 400).

With utmost deference, the petitioner finds little solace and less comfort in the Court's observation that the petitioner "has no basis for complaint" since, according to the Court, he could have been indicted 113 times based on his activity on December 20, 1975.

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[2] cf. *Sanabria* v. *United States*, —— U.S. ——, 57 L. Ed. 2d 43, 55 fn. 20: "The Court of Appeals erred in its apparent view that the Government should have drawn the indictment in two counts because the single count was duplicitous. 548 F2d, at 5 n 4. Only a single gambling business was alleged, and hence only a single offense. See pp ————, 57 L Ed 2d 58, infra. A single offense should normally be charged in one count rather than several, even if different means of committing the offense are alleged. . . . ."

As for the Court's observation that because "one jurisdiction" has knowledge of a bookmaker's activity, it does not "preclude another jurisdiction within Georgia from continuing to investigate. . . . ," it is apparent that the Court has confused "jurisdiction" with venue. The only "jurisdiction" which was offended by the petitioner's illegal gambling operation was the State of Georgia. The petitioner was not prosecuted *by* Walton County nor by Fulton County; he was prosecuted by the sovereign State of Georgia, *in* both counties. By confusing venue with jurisdiction, the court below fell into error.

Moreover, the petitioner did not complain that both Walton and Fulton Counties conducted an investigation of his bookmaking activity; his complaint was, and is, that during the course of an activity which is continuing in its nature, he was *indicted* by both counties. Assuming, arguendo, that communicating gambling information during the course of a month's bookmaking activity can be fragmented into hundreds of discrete offenses and punishable as such, is the state not duty bound to bring *all* of its charges in one indictment and in one county as a matter of elemental fairness?

Moreover, the successive prosecutions in Walton and Fulton Counties offended the Double Jeopardy Clause and are contrary to this Court's pronouncements in a number of analogous situations.

We start off with the rule that the Double Jeopardy Clause is applicable to the States under the 14th Amendment. *Benton* v. *Maryland*, 395 U.S. 784 (1969).

The second proposition is that a single course of conduct which is part of a continuing offense cannot

arbitrarily be divided into separate offenses unless the legislature, clearly and unequivocally, explicitly states that each act shall be penalized as a separate offense. *Blockburger* v. *United States,* 248 U.S. 299 (1932).

Third, "When the impulse is single, only one indictment lies no matter how long the action may continue. On the other hand, if the conduct is activated by separate and distinct impulses even though all unite in swelling a common stream of action, separate indictments lie." *Blockburger* at 302, citing *Wharton's Criminal Law* (11th ed.) 534.

When the same conduct violates two distinct statutory provisions "the test to be applied to determine whether there are two offenses or only one is whether each provision requires proof of a fact which the other does not." *Blockburger* at 303.

Fifth, for the purposes of Double Jeopardy, the lesser included offense is the "same" as the greater offense. *Brown* v. *Ohio,* 432 U.S. 161 (1977). When there is a greater and lesser included offense, no matter which occurs first, the "Fifth Amendment forbids successive prosecutions and cumulative punishments . . . . The Double Jeopardy Clause is not such a fragile guarantee that prosecutors can avoid its limitations by the simple expedient of dividing a single crime into a series of temporal or spatial units." *Brown* at 169.

Even if the defense insists on severing the conspiracy count of a multiple count indictment in order to avoid the co-conspirator exception to the hearsay rule, no additional or cumulative punishments may be imposed. *Jeffers* v. *United States,* 432 U.S. 137 (1977).

Apposite here is the holding in *United States* v. *Universal C.I.T. Corporation,* 344 U.S. 218 (1952) that a

single course of conduct is only one offense, i.e. the law "treats as one offense all violations that arise from that singleness of thought, purpose, or action which may be deemed a single 'impulse'." *Universal* at 224. See also *United States* v. *Jones,* 533 F. 2d 1387 (1976), in which the Sixth Circuit refused to permit multiple convictions for a continuing offense. *Jones* also recognized that a course of conduct necessarily includes several acts and "to hold that proof of a different act on a separate count established a separate offense would destroy the principle that a course of conduct is punishable as only one offense." *Jones* at 1392. Compare *State* v. *Gilder,* 145 Georgia App. 731 (1978).

Finally, not only does the Double Jeopardy Clause protect against a second prosecution for the same offense after acquittal, it protects against a second prosecution for the same offense after conviction. And it protects against multiple punishments for the same offense. *North Carolina* v. *Pearce,* 395 U.S. 711 (1969). For Double Jeopardy purposes, the State may not divide into separate offenses one continuing offense nor can it treat a lesser included offense as a different one from the greater offense in order to multiply penalties.

Applying these principles to the facts in this case, it is clear that all of the evidence which constituted the offenses embraced in both indictments was gathered during the two taps while Williams was engaged in a continuing course of gambling-related conduct. Both indictments were returned within the same month (February 1976) approximately two months after the termination of both taps.

In view of the indictment and conviction in Walton County, a second prosecution and a second punishment

for the same continuing conduct is barred under *North Carolina* v. *Pearce,* supra.

Moreover, if commercial gambling is viewed as a lesser included offense, as it must be, then the conviction in Walton County stands as a bar to any further prosecution by the State for communicating gambling information. *Brown* v. *Ohio,* supra.

What happened here is no mere aberration. On November 7th, 1978, the Court of Appeals, citing *Morrow* with approval, held that a bookmaker can be separately indicted and punished for each wager that he accepts and for each bit of gambling information that he communicates during the course of one continuing operation. *Dowdy, et al.* v. *The State,* —— Ga. App. ——, #56628 annexed hereto as Appendix "B".

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing Petition upon Lewis R. Slaton, District Attorney, Fulton County Courthouse, 136 Pryor St., S.W., Atlanta, Ga., 30303 and the Hon. Arthur K. Bolton, Attorney General, State of Georgia, Judicial Building, Atlanta, Ga. 30334, by depositing same in the United States Mail with sufficient postage to insure delivery by first-class mail.

This 29th day of December 1978.

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX "A"

56234. MORROW et al. v. THE STATE.

QUILLIAN, Presiding Judge.

Dan C. Morrow and James Bert Williams were indicted in Fulton County for committing the offense of "Felony (Communicating Gambling Information)" on December 20, 1975. Defendant Williams was also indicted in Walton County for related offenses of "Commercial Gambling" for the dates of December 1 through December 15, 1975. Williams entered a plea of guilty to the Walton County charges but now appeals his conviction of the Fulton County charge. *Held:*

1. Counsel for defendant Williams, like so many other appellate counsel, has not complied with Rule 18(c)(1) of this court (Code Ann. § 24-3618 (c) (1)) which provides: "Sequence of argument [in appellate briefs]. The sequence of argument or arguments in the briefs shall follow generally the order of the enumeration of errors, and shall be numbered correspondingly."

Defendant enumerates nine errors but has only six divisions of argument in Part III of his brief. Further, the six divisions do not correspond to the enumerated errors, nor do the headnotes of the argument divisions correspond to the numbered enumerated errors.

This deficiency is not unimportant, for Rule 18(c)(2) provides that any enumerated error which is not supported in the brief by citation of authority or argument shall be deemed to have been abandoned. It is not the duty of this court to search through this extensive (approximately 90 pages) but unpaginated brief to ascertain whether or not each and every enumerated error is argued or abandoned.

We have numbered the defendant's brief for our own use. We have received a letter from defendant's counsel

directing our attention to an error on "page 33" of his brief. Examination of pages 30 through 36 show no such error.

2. The first enumerated error contends it was error to deny the motion to suppress the wiretaps in Walton and Fulton Counties. However, Division 1 of Part III of the brief argues enumerated error 2 only. The first enumerated error cannot be found specifically argued in any division but inferentially could be based upon all the enumerated errors. Thus, we will not treat it as abandoned but will consider the motions to suppress as being based only upon those error enumerated in the brief. However, we must first determine the merit of the remaining enumerated errors.

3. Defendant alleged "[t]he wiretap in Fulton County was spawned by, and the tainted fruit of the prior electronic surveillance in Walton County, which surveillance was illegal in its inception and execution . . ."

It is evident that the Walton County wiretap provided the basis for issuance of the investigative warrant for the subsequent Fulton County wiretap, but we find no illegal taint to the fruit of the Walton wiretap. It is alleged that the "surveillance was illegal in its inception and execution . . ." We shall consider first the legality of the inception of the wiretap. The application for the investigatory warrant contains the requisites of Code Ann. § 26-3004(c) (CCG § 26-3004 (c); Ga. L. 1968, pp. 1249, 1328; 1972, pp. 615, 952, 953) and 18 U.S.C. 2518 (1). The affidavit, based upon the information and participation of an informant, is a model of excellence. The description of the premises to be investigated was correctly and fully described. *Jones v. State* 126 Ga. App. 841, 842 (192 SE2d 171). The reason affiant concluded the confidential informant was reliable was spread upon the record. *Grebe v. State,* 125 Ga. App. 873, (189 SE2d 698). The manner in which the informer obtained his information was detailed

and explicit. *Sams v. State,* 121 Ga. App. 46 (172 SE2d 473). The dates upon which the informant's information was obtained were entered to show it was current—not stale. *Bell v. State,* 128 Ga. App. 426, 427 (196 SE2d 894). Further, these facts were then corroborated by observation of the premises and listening to the informant place bets with the suspects on the telephone. *Register v. State,* 124 Ga. App. 136, 139 (183 SE2d 68). Probable cause for issuance of the investigative warrant was clearly established. Accordingly, there is not the slightest taint to the legality of the inception of the Walton wiretap.

We turn now to the allegation that the "execution" of the wiretap rendered it illegal. Defendant contends the court "authorized an obtrusive intrusion for an impermissible period of time sans any judicial supervision . . ." The warrant authorized a period of 20 days for the wiretap. Code Ann. § 26-3004 (e), supra, permits periods of 20 days plus renewals for an additional 20-day period "for good cause shown." The affiant and the petitioner, the district attorney for that circuit, stated specific reasons for the "extent and scope" of the investigatory warrant. The petitioner wanted to determine the "total involvement" of the person investigated, and whether he was only one in a "hierarchy" of a gambling enterprise, and because gambling offenses were of a "continuing nature" they desired to continue the wiretap throughout the entire period of 20 days and not discontinue the tap upon interception of one or more calls indicating gambling activity. An issue of length of time to continue a wiretap addresses itself to the sound discretion of the trial court and absent abuse of that discretion an appellate court will not interfere. See United States v. Daly, 535 F2d 434, 441 (8th Cir. 1976). We find no abuse of discretion in the issuance of the investigative warrant for a period of 20 days.

Defendant argues that the trail court failed to exercise "judicial supervision." He does not articulate in this division of argument, addressed to enumerated error 2, as to

what the trial court failed to do, or for that matter—has no directed our attention to any statutory or decisional law that requires "judicial supervision" *during the period of the wiretap.* We find no requirement for the court to exercise personal supervision over the execution of the wiretap. See United States v. Daly, 535 F.2d 434, supra, 442. He does have authority to require "reports to be made . . . showing what progress has been made toward achievement of the authorized objective and the need for continued interception." 18 USC 2518 (6). Whether or not these reports are required and the sufficiency of any report is discretionary with the trial court and may be dispensed with entirely. United States v. Falcone, 364 FSupp. 877, 888 (DC NJ 1973), affd. 500 F.2d 1401; United States v. Iannelli, 477 F2d 999, 1002 (3d Cir. 1973), affd. 420 U. S. 770 (95 SC 1284, 43 LEd2d 616).

Defendant could refer to the alleged lack of judicial supervision of the trial court over the tapes and the authorization papers *after* the wiretap terminated. However, any alleged deficiency in that regard would have no probative value in determination of the sufficiency of probable cause for the Fulton County wiretap because the information from the Walton County wiretap was released by the Walton County judge on December 11, 1975, *during* the Walton wiretap and could not possibly have contaminated the Fulton County wiretap where the alleged violation occurred *after* the termination of the Walton wiretap on December 15, 1975. This enumeration is without merit.

4. Enumerated error 3 alleges the "post-tap secrecy provisions of § 26-3004 Ga. Code Annotated and § 2518 Title 18 U. S. Code, and the right of privacy secured to the Defendant under the 4th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States were flouted and denigrated during the Walton County tap."

This allegation is addressed in Division 2 of defendant's brief. As stated above, any alleged violations of law re-

garding the Walton County tap, occurring *after* termination of the wiretap has no effect upon the authorization of the Fulton County wiretap which was authorized *during* the Walton County wiretap. Neither could such alleged violations have any probative value in the Fulton County trial because those documents were not used in the trial of this case. Those alleged violations have relevance only to the Walton County trial of the defendant.

Defendant argues that it was improper "to disclose the evidence gathered in Walton County to the Fulton County Solicitor and his assistants." We do not agree. Title 18 USC 2517 specifically authorizes any investigative or law enforcement officer to "disclose such contents to another investigative officer to the extent that such disclosure is appropriate to the proper performance of the official duties of the officer making or receiving the disclosure." The release of the information by Walton County authorities to Fulton County authorities was authorized by court order (see Code Ann. § 26-3004 (h), supra) and was utilized to authorize the Fulton County wiretap. We do not read the Georgia statutes as countermanding the specific authorization of the U. S. Congress. This enumeration is meritless.

5. The fourth enumerated error rephrases substantially the same error as the third enumeration and is controlled adversely to the defendant by our holding in Division 4 above.

6. Defendant argues that there "was not special need or antecedent compelling justification" for the Fulton County wiretap. In essence, defendant contests the motive and reasons stated by the Fulton County authorities to secure issuance of the investigative warrant. Defendant uses a "shotgun" approach in this enumeration. He contends there was "no necessity" for this wiretap, law enforcement officials had sufficient evidence for prosecution of offenders, allegation of a "hierarchy" was incorrect as evidence of the Walton County wiretap had revealed, and

that it was false for the state to claim "normal investigative procedures have failed" for "none were tried."

Under 18 USC 2518 (5) "[n]o order entered under this section may authorize or approve the interception of any wire or oral communication for any period longer than is necessary to achieve the objective of the authorization, nor in any event longer than thirty days." In Division 3 above we held that determination of the length of time necessary to accomplish the stated objective of the law enforcement authorities was within the sound discretion of the judge. He determines whether the basis for the need for the wiretap complied with the statute. The application stated that normal investigative techniques had been used and such techniques were unlikely to be successful or too dangerous. This issue will be addressed more fully in the next division. Suffice it to say, our Supreme Court has held in determining whether the state failed to comply with "necessity" requirements of 18 USC 2518, the provisions of that section " 'must be read in a common sense fashion. They are "simply designed to assure that wiretapping is not resorted to in situations where traditional investigative techniques would suffice to expose the crime." United States v. Kahn, 1974, 415 U. S. 143, 153 n. 12, 94 SC 977, 983 n. 12, 39 LE2d 225, 236 n. 12.' " *Lawson v. State*, 236 Ga. 770, 771 (225 SE2d 258).

Defendant also argues that the Walton County wiretap had established his violation of Georgia gambling laws, and "there was no necessity to resort to any further surveillance—electronic or conventional—to make a case against [him] . . ." We are not prepared to hold that because one jurisdiction has knowledge of a defendant committing a substantial number of offenses within their jurisdiction that this precludes another jurisdiction within Georgia from continuing to investigate defendants' criminal activities within its jurisdiction after that period of time. In United States v. Clerkley, 556 F2d 709, 714 (4th

Cir. 1977 U.S. App. pend.) the court held: "While ample evidence may have been available to arrest and convict this foursome [named in the warrant], the government is not precluded from carrying the investigation further. In particular, the government has a valid interest in uncovering the names and locations of the various 'backers,' bookmakers, who regularly 'layoff' bets and thereby supply the organization with capital."

In the instant case, the wiretap of the Walton County bookmaking operation revealed the Fulton County participation of the defendant Williams. Fulton County authorities wanted to know the extent and scope of his local gambling activities and whether or not he was a member of a larger organization. This could be accomplished only by a Fulton County wiretap of defendant's phone. We will not fault law enforcement authorities who permit illicit activity to continue where they have a valid reason—such as determining scope of gambling activities in the local area.

Furthermore, defendant has no basis for complaint. He was charged with one count of gambling in Fulton County on December 20, 1975. Perusal of his telephone log for that day, between the hours of 10:33 a.m. and 9:11 p.m. (Ten and one-half hours), reveals 113 telephone calls involving gambling activities. Of these possible 113 criminal violations—one was charged. We find no merit in this enumeration.

7. Defendant alleges that the affidavit and request for the investigative warrant by the Fulton County District Attorney "was misleading both by virtue of palpable misrepresentations, as well as by advertent omissions." He contends that in view of prior evidence obtained by the Walton County wiretap it was error to use such phrases as: "normal investigative procedures had failed; that normal investigative procedures appeared unlikely to succeed if tried; that normal investigative techniques would be of no avail due to the secrecy . . . that there was a hierarchy

. . . that the scope of [defendant] Williams' activity could not be determined . . . [and] the only way to obtain evidence which could lead to a successful prosecution of the subject Williams'' was by a Fulton County wiretap.

The Georgia statute does not address the requisites for the application for an investigative warrant which is contained in 18 USC 2518 and provides, in part: "(1) Each application for an order authorizing or approving the interception of a wire or oral communication . . . shall include the following information: . . . (c) a full complete statement as to whether or not other investigative procedures have been tried and failed or why they reasonably appear to be unlikely to succeed if tried or to be too dangerous . . . (3) Upon such application the judge may enter an ex parte order, as requested or as modified, authorizing or approving interception of wire or oral communications . . . if the judge determines on the basis of the facts submitted by the applicant that . . . (c) normal investigative procedures have been tried and have failed *or* reasonably appear to be unlikely to succeed if tried *or* to be too dangerous . . ." (Emphasis supplied.)

We note that the Fulton County request was made on a preprinted form, using stereotyped phrases parroted from 18 USC 2518, but the Supreme Court in *State v. Bilbo,* 240 Ga. 601, 602 (242 SE2d 21), specifically sanctioned their use and held that " 'the trial court was authorized to rely upon these representations.' "

The purpose of the requirement of exhaustion of normal investigative procedure is not to foreclose the use of electronic surveillance until the state has exhausted every possible means of obtaining evidence against a suspect, but merely to inform the authorizing official of the nature of investigative techniques tried—if any, *or* the difficulty *or* dangerous inherent in the use of such investigative methods. United States v. Lanza, 356 FSupp, 27, 30 (DC Fla. 1972); *State v. Bilbo,* 240 Ga. 601, 602, supra.

A close reading of the U. S. statute shows only that the application need state "whether or not other investigative procedures have been tried and failed or why they reasonably appear to be unlikely to succeed if tried or to be too dangerous." Then the judge determines from that information whether they "appear to be unlikely to succeed if tried or to be too dangerous . . ." The supporting affidavit in this instance corroborates the preprinted conclusory allegation of the district attorney's application for the warrant and gives reasons why "normal investigative techniques would be of no avail," why attempts to use physical surveillance failed, why other investigative procedures would be "too dangerous," and why the affiant's experience had shown "sports betting is of a conspiratorial nature, of necessity, involving a hierarchy of individuals" and that the Fulton County wiretap was the only reasonable method to "determine the full extent of this conspiratorial organization." See United States v. Whitaker, 343 FSupp. 358, 362-363 (DC Pa. 1972) (U. S. cert. den.); United States v. Anderson, 542 F2d 420, 431 (7th Cir. 1976). Although the application may have been preprinted, inaccurate, and possibly misleading, the affidavit was explicit, comprehensive, and fully explanatory of the prior history of this case and the future need for the investigatory warrant. See United States v. Falcone, 364 FSupp. 877, supra; United States v. Kilgore, 524 F.2d 957 (DC Fla. 1975). To warrant suppression of evidence derived from a wiretap it must be shown that *the affidavit* used as the basis for issuance of the investigative warrant was recklessly or intentionally untrue. United States v. Anderson, 542 F2d 428, 433 (7th Cir. 1976); United States v. Carmichael, 489 F2d 983, 988-989 (7th Cir. 1973). We find no such deficiencies in the instant case. Accordingly, this enumeration is without merit.

8. The seventh enumerated error has been discussed in Division 5 above and is repetitious, in part, of prior enumerated errors. The defendant contends the Walton County

judge failed to exercise any judicial oversight and supervision over the wiretap, "thereby abnegating his responsibility to make sure that the minimization requirements and secrecy provisions of both State and Federal wiretap laws were complied with."

We have previously disposed of the allegations relating to the requirement for "judicial oversight" during the execution of the wiretap and also observed that any alleged violation of the secrecy provisions of the Walton County tapes occurred after the authorization of the Fulton County wiretap and had no retroactive effect upon the Fulton County authorization. However, the alleged minimization violation could have occurred prior to the Fulton County authorization and we will address that issue here.

Subsection (5) of 18 USC 2518 provides, in part: "Every order and extension thereof shall contain a provision that the authorization to intercept . . . shall be conducted in such a way as to minimize the interception of communications not otherwise subject to interception . . ." The object of minimization is to prevent a wiretap—authorized only to intercept conversations dealing with one alleged type of criminal activity, from turning into an unconstitutional general search and wholesale invasion of privacy. United States v. King, 335 FSupp. 523, 541 (DC Cal. 1971), affd. in part, rev. in part on other grounds, 478 F2d 494, cert. den. 414 U. S. 846, sub nom. Light v. United States. Minimization means that intercept procedures should be conducted in such a way as to reduce to the smallest possible number, interceptions of communications which do not relate to the commission of the crime specified in the investigative warrant. United States v. Focarile, 340 FSupp. 1033, 1046 (DC Md. 1972); United States v. Askins, 351 FSupp. 408 (DC Md. 1972). There should be no greater invasion of privacy than is necessary under the circumstances. United States v. Falcone, 364 FSupp. 877, 885, supra. However, when Congress chose the term

"minimize" they acknowledged that it was impossible to screen out all personal calls and some portions of nonpertinent calls would be intercepted. United States v. Sisca, 361 FSupp. 735, 746 (DC NY 1973). Monitoring agents must intercept portions of each call to determine whether it is of a personal nature or relates to the subject of the investigative warrant. Minimization is intended to prevent excessive invasions of privacy and to curtail the indiscriminate seizure of all privileged communications. United States v. Focarile, 340 FSupp. 1033, 1044, supra. The right of privacy, inherent in the Fourth Amendment, is not met by blanket interceptions of every call in its entirety. United States v. King, 335 FSupp. 523, 543, supra; United States v. Scott, 331 FSupp. 233, 248 (DC DC 1971). The minimization statute and judicial order would be meaningless if the investigative agent indiscriminately intercepts every conversation from beginning to end, for the right of privacy guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment would then be illusory. United States v. Scott, 331 FSupp. 233, 248, supra.

In the instant case, because of the type of equipment used, whenever defendant's telephone was removed from the cradle, a register was activated in the room used by the police to monitor his telephone. The register would record the number dialed of an outgoing call. It could not determine the number of an incoming call. The register would also stamp out the time the call started and ended and activate a tape recorder which automatically transcribed all incoming and outgoing calls.

Approximately five persons were used to monitor defendant's telephone calls over the period authorized by the investigative warrant. Each monitoring officer did not utilize the same procedure in monitoring calls. All calls were monitored to determine if it was personal or related to gambling. If it was determined to be of a personal nature, each monitoring officer turned the recorder off or turned it

so low that it would not record the conversation. At this juncture the procedure varied. Some of the detectives turned off their listening equipment or turned it so low they could not hear the conversation. Other monitoring officers turned their listening equipment so low they could not hear but would periodically turn the sound up so they could determine if the conversation remained personal or had changed to gambling. Some personal calls did change to the subject of gambling. If the conversation remained personal the sound was again turned down and there was no interception of the remaining conversation. However, at least one detective in the Walton wiretap and three detectives in the Fulton wiretap followed the procedure of turning off the tape recorder when it was determined that the call was personal but they listened to the full conversation of every personal call.

In effect the first two types of intercepts followed an acceptable procedure to minimize calls intercepted. The latter group intercepted all calls, innocent and illicit, but transcribed only the illicit. We acknowledge the difficulty faced by the monitoring officials in determining whether a call was nonpertinent or personal. Gamblers speak a language that is endemic to that profession. The initiate monitor may be unsure of the type of call he has intercepted. The test we will apply is one which is contemporaneous with the call for we will not look back in retrospect and conclude, in the light of present information, that the call intercepted was personal as distinguished from relevant to the purpose of the intercept. United States v. Sisca, 361 FSupp. 735, supra.

We conclude that there are two types of violation of the minimization requirements. The first type would be the blanket intercept of the entire conversation of all calls and would be a blatant violation of the provisions of 18 USC 2518(5) and the Fourth Amendment. United States v. Focarile, 340 FSupp. 1033, supra, 1046. The second type of

violation would be committed if an inadequate method or effort were utilized to minimize intercepts of nonpertinent calls. We have the analogous situation of a search warrant which authorizes seizure of certain items and the executing officer seizes other evidentiary material. The United States Supreme Court has held that seizure of items not specified in a warrant does not result in suppression of those items validly seized even though the other items will be suppressed. Marron v. United States, 275 U.S. 192, 198-199 (48 SC 74, 72 LE 231). We face a similar situation here. The majority of the monitoring personnel followed an acceptable procedure in minimizing intercepts of nonpertinent calls. One person in the Walton wiretap did not. We do not find his intercept of a limited number of nonpertinent calls to contaminate those legally intercepted. United States v. Cox, 462 F2d 1293, 1301 (8th Cir. 1972) cert. den. 417 U.S. 918; United States v. Leta, 332 FSupp. 1357, 1360 (DC Pa. 1971); United States v. LaGorga, 336 FSupp. 190, 196-197 (DC Pa. 1971); United States v. Askins, 351 FSupp. 408, supra, 415; United States v. Sisca, 361 FSupp. 735, 745, supra, affd. 503 F2d 1337, cert. den. 419 U.S. 1008; United States v. Falcone, 364 FSupp. 877 (DC NJ 1973), affd. 500 F2d 1401.

What few personal calls were monitored in the Walton wiretap by this one individual was of a de minimis nature. United States v. Tortorello, 342 FSupp. 1029, 1038 (DC NY 1972), affd. 480 F2d 764, cert. den. 414 U.S. 866. Also, the United States Supreme Court has held that they did not "suggest [in United States v. Giordano, 416 U.S. 505 (94 SC 1850, 40 LE2d 341)] that *every failure to comply fully* with any requirement provided in Title III [of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 18 USC 2510, et seq.] would render the interception of wire and oral communications 'unlawful.'" (Emphasis supplied.) United States v. Chavez, 416 U.S. 562, 574 (94 SC 1849, 40 LE2d 380).

In its latest pronouncement on the issue of minimization in which "Government agents intercepted for a one-month period virtually all conversations over a particular telephone suspected of being used in furtherance of a conspiracy to import and distribute narcotics," the United States Supreme Court held: "The proper approach for evaluating compliance with the minimization requirement, like evaluation of all alleged violations of the Fourth Amendment, is objectively to assess the agent's or officer's actions in light of the facts and circumstances confronting him at the time without regard to his underlying intent or motive." Scott v. United States, 436 U.S. 128(1) (98 SC 1717, 56 LE2d 168) (1978). Thus, the good motives of the monitoring officers are not relevant to this issue. The correct standard is "objective reasonableness without regard to the underlying intent or motivation of the officers involved." Id.

As in Scott v. United States, supra, where "virtually all conversations" were intercepted, and here where only a portion of nonpertinent calls were intercepted but not recorded, we have reviewed the evidence of record based upon the standard of "objective reasonableness" and find that the monitoring personnel substantially conducted the interception of defendant's calls so as to satisfactorily minimize interception of communications not subject to the investigative order. See also *Lawson v. State*, 236 Ga. 770, supra (3). We find this enumeration to be without merit.

9. Defendant enumerates as error denial of his motion of "Autrefois Convict" based upon his prior trial in Walton County. Under Code Ann. § 26-507(a)(1) (CCG § 26-507 (a)(1); Ga. L. 1968, pp. 1249, 1267), prosecution is barred "for the same crime, based upon the same material facts, if such former prosecution (1) resulted in . . . a conviction . . ." First, the offenses charged in Walton County are not the same crimes as the one charged in Fulton County. See *Pryor v. State*, 238 Ga. 698, 699-700 (234 SE2d 918). Second, the offenses are not based upon the same

material facts. See *State v. Estevez*, 232 Ga. 316 (206 SE2d 475). The test is easy to apply. Would the facts introduced in this conviction have established those offenses charged in Walton County? The answer must be no. The dates of offenses committed in Walton County were from December 1, 1975 through December 15, 1975. The offense committed in Fulton County occurred on December 20, 1975. This enumeration is meritless. See generally 21 AmJur2d 239, Criminal Law, § 182; 22 CJS 693, Criminal Law, § 269.

10. The ninth enumerated error contends the state failed to comply with the "post-tap provisions" of the federal and state law. This enumeration is not one of the defendant's six divisions in Part III of his brief but is argued as part of Division II which refers to his enumerated error 3. Georgia Code Ann. § 26-3004 (f) (CCG § 26-3004 (f); Ga. L. 1968, pp. 1249, 1328; 1972, pp. 615, 952, 953) provides the officer executing the warrant must make a return which shall specifically show the officers employed, the devices used, and what was obtained.

We have examined the return made on the Fulton County wiretap. It could more accurately be described as a "log" (a record of performance) for it includes the date, time the call started and stopped, the number being called for outgoing calls, the person called or calling when it could be determined, and the officer making the entry. We find substantial conformance to the requirements of the law. Absent a clear showing of prejudice, failure to strictly comply with administrative requirements would not require suppression of wiretap evidence. United States v. Bohn, 508 F2d 1145, 1148 (8th Cir. 1975), cert. den. 421 U.S. 947. There was no showing of or claim of prejudice here. We find no error. United States v. Harrigan, 557 F2d 879, 884 (DC Mass. 1977).

11. Returning to the first enumerated error concerning refusal of the trial court to suppress the wiretaps of Walton and Fulton Counties, for the reasons stated in Divi-

sions 3 through 10 we have found no error which would require suppression of the Fulton County wiretap and the state used only the first portion of the Walton County wiretap which we found to be admissible as of the date of its use—in Division 3 above. Accordingly, this enumeration of error is also meritless.

Judgment affirmed. Webb and McMurray, JJ., concur.

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Communicating gambling information. Fulton Superior Court. Before Judge McKenzie.

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COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

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The Honorable Court of Appeals met pursuant to adjournment.

The following order was passed:

56234. DANIEL C. MORROW et al. v. THE STATE

Upon consideration of the motion for a rehearing filed in this case, it is ordered that it be hereby denied.

COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

CLERK'S OFFICE, ATLANTA

October 5, 1976

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

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CLERK'S OFFICE, SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

Atlanta, November 30, 1978

Dear Sir:

Case No. 34347; James Bert Williams v. The State.

The Supreme Court today denied the writ of certiorari in this case.

All the justices concur.

Very truly yours,

MRS. JOLINE B. WILLIAMS, Clerk

APPENDIX "B"

(Bi-189)

56628. Dowdy, et al. v. The State

Birdsong, Judge.

The appellants bring this consolidated appeal from three separate jury convictions: two for commercial gambling and one for communicating gambling information. The record reveals that three grand jury indictments were returned against the appellants; #P-45112 for the offense of communicating gambling information between November 18, 1977, and November 21, 1977; #P-45114 for the offense of commercial gambling on November 19, 1977; and #P-45115 for the offense of commercial gambling on November 20, 1977. Indictment #P-45115 was tried first, and appellants moved to consolidate the trials as to all three indictments; the motion was denied, and appellants were convicted of the offense of commercial gambling. Thereafter, indictments P-45112 and P-45114 were jointly brought to trial; appellants moved to dismiss the indictments, arguing that this second trial was barred by Code Ann. § 26-506(b) and by former jeopardy. The motion was denied, and appellants were convicted of both offenses charged in the indictments. Finally, on March 16, 1978, the trial court imposed sentences for all three convictions. Appellants were each sentenced to confinement for a period of five years on each indictment, with the provision that upon service of one year of the sentence the remaining four years would be served on probation. While the one year confinement periods of each sentence were ordered to be served concurrently, the four year probationary periods were ordered to be served consecutively, with the result that each appellant was sentenced to serve one year of imprisonment, followed by twelve years of probation. Varying fines were assessed against each appellant, and the trial court conditioned the appellants' probation upon the full payment of these fines.

Held:

1. Appellants contend that the trial court erred in overruling their motion to suppress evidence obtained via electronic telephone surveillance, or "wiretap." See Code Ann. § 26-3004. Essentially, the appellants argue that the "execution" of the wiretap rendered it illegal for the reason that surveillance was not terminated immediately upon the realization of the objectives sought in the petition for the investigation warrant which initially authorized the wiretap.

The record reveals that the affiant and petitioner, pursuant to Code Ann. § 26-3004, stated specific reasons for the "extent and scope" of the investigative warrant. The petitioner stated, in pertinent part: "The communications which are sought to be overheard and recorded are telephone conversations which will reveal the identity of persons who are betting and communicating gambling information which are [sic] in violation of Georgia law. . . . The nature of this investigation is such that the authorization should not automatically terminate when the above described communication has been first obtained. This is due to the fact that additional time is necessary to identify as many [sic] if not all participants involved in this gambling operation; also because this is a continuing course of illegal conduct . . . ." The appropriate superior court judge ordered that an investigation warrant be issued as requested for a period of twenty days, and the return of the warrant states that surveillance was maintained for only six days.

This court has held that "determination of the length of time necessary to accomplish the stated objective of the law enforcement authorities [is] within the sound discretion of the judge [issuing the investigative warrant]." *Morrow v. State*, No. 56234, decided September 12, 1978. Neither personal judicial supervision nor progress reports, absent judicial request, are required by either state or federal law. *Id.* In view of the continuing and complex na-

ture of the crimes involved and the objectives sought by the petitioner, we find no abuse of discretion in the duration of the surveillance of the appellants. Accordingly, the trial court did not err in overruling appellants' motion to suppress.

2. The crimes for which the appellants were convicted arose out of a continuing course of conduct. Nevertheless, the specific criminal transactions alleged in the indictments were separate and distinct offenses, occurring on different dates, and punishable as separate crimes. *Baxter* v. *State,* 134 Ga. App. 286 (4) (214 SE2d 578). Accordingly, the second trial was barred by neither Code Ann. §§ 26-506 and 26-507 nor a plea of former jeopardy, and the trial court did not err in overruling appellants' motion to dismiss indictments #P-45112 and P-45114. *Morrow* v. *State,* supra; *Baxter* v. *State,* supra.

3. As the offense for which the appellants were convicted were legally separate and distinct, the offense of communicating gambling information was not included within the offense of commercial gambling. *Baxter* v. *State,* supra. Accordingly, there is no merit to appellants' argument that the trial court erred in sentencing for each offense.

4. The trial judge, in an extremely comprehensive and analytical order, noted the complex cultural and legal problems surrounding the crime of gambling as compounded by the difficulties encountered by law enforcement agents in enforcing the gambling laws. The trial judge correctly observed the sentencing provisions of Code Ann. § 26-2703: "A person convicted of commercial gambling shall be punished as a felony [sic], and shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or by a fine not to exceed $20,000, or both."

Code. Ann. § 26-2703, a statute of specific application, relates solely to the crime of commercial gambling, and is silent as to the probationary aspects of sentencing. Code

Ann. § 27-2529, a statute of general application, pertains to *all* felonies for which probation is legally authorized and prohibits the imposition of a fine in excess of $2000 as a condition to probation. The record discloses that the sentences of appellants L. H. Clark and R. J. Clark were within the limits authorized by Code Ann. § 26-2703; however, the probationary aspects of their sentences were conditioned upon the payment of fines in excess of the limit per felony stipulated by Code Ann. § 21-2529. Accordingly, the sentences of appellants L. H. Clark and R. J. Clark are reversed for resentencing.

Judgment reversed in part and affirmed in part with direction that defendants L. H. Clark and R. J. Clark be resentenced. Bell, C. J., and Shulman, J., concur.

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QUESTION PRESENTED

When an individual commits two separate and distinct criminal acts at different times and places, neither one being a lesser included offense of the other, both crimes involving gambling, one for commercial gambling and the other for communicating gambling information, is the prosecution of the latter crime in a different county and at a later time barred under the double jeopardy clause of the Constitution following the entry of guilty pleas to the former criminal charges?

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The Petitioner, James B. Williams and another individual by the name of Dan C. Morrow were indicted by a Fulton County grand jury for committing the offense of communicating gambling information in violation of Ga. Acts 1968, pp. 1249, 1320 (Ga. Code Ann. § 26-2706). The Petitioner's subsequent conviction in the Superior Court of Fulton County, which is the basis for this petition for writ of certiorari, arose out of information which law enforcement officers received from a wire tap which was initiated on November 29, 1975, pursuant to a court order under the provisions of Ga. Laws 1968, pp. 1249, 1328; 1972 p. 615; 1972 pp. 952, 953 (Ga. Code Ann. § 26-3004). As a result of the Walton County wire tap the Petitioner was indicted for the offenses of communicating gambling information and commercial gambling information, the latter being in violation of Ga. Laws 1968, pp. 1249, 1318; 1970, pp. 236, 238; 1977, p. 748 (Ga. Code Ann. § 26-2703). Pleas of guilty were entered in February of 1975 to the Walton County charges.

As a result of information which law enforcement officers received during the Walton County tap it was learned that the Petitioner was violating Ga. Code Ann. § 26-2706, communicating gambling information in another county in the State, that being Fulton County, Georgia. On December 16, or one day prior to the expiration of the Walton County tap, Fulton County law enforcement authorities received permission pursuant to Ga. Code Ann. § 26-3004 to institute a tap on the Petitioner's telephone. As a result of this tap the Fulton County convictions which are the subject of this petition for writ of certiorari resulted.

The Walton County offenses for which the Petitioner, as noted above was indicted were for the dates of December 1 through December 15, 1975. The Fulton County gambling violation occurred on December 20, 1975.

It is the Petitioner's contention that his subsequent indictment and prosecution in Fulton County was barred under the double jeopardy provision of the Constitution since he alleges that both criminal indictments arose from the same course of conduct, that is conduct involving gambling. The Fulton County Superior Court disagreed with this argument of the Petitioner and denied his plea of "Autrefois Convict". On appeal the Court of Appeals of Georgia concurred with the lower court's ruling.[1/] The Supreme Court of Georgia refused to review the holding of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

1/ Morrow et al. v. State, 147 Ga. Ap. 395 (1978).

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WHERE THERE ARE SUCCESSIVE CRIMINAL ACTS, EACH WITH DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF PROOF, EACH OCCURRING AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND PLACES EVEN THOUGH THESE ACTS MAY UNITE INTO ONE STREAM OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT, AND WHERE EACH CRIMINAL ACT IS SEPARATELY PROHIBITED, EACH MAY BE SEPARATELY PROSECUTED WITHOUT THERE BEING ANY DOUBLE JEOPARDY VIOLATION.

The thrust of the Petitioner's application for a writ of certiorari is that the Fulton County gambling offense is a lesser included offense of the earlier Walton County convictions for which he entered pleas of guilty. Consequently, Petitioner says that his Fulton County conviction is barred under the double jeopardy provision of the United States Constitution because of this Court's rulings in Harris v. Oklahoma, 433 U.S. 682 (1977) and Brown v. Ohio, 432 U.S. 161 (1977). Sub judice, however, this is not the case, because the criminal conduct involving gambling which was entered into by the Petitioner in both Walton and Fulton Counties violated two criminal statutes, each statute requiring proof of an additional fact which the other does not require, each offense occurring at a different time and at a different place, and as such the pleas of guilty in Walton County do not exempt the Petitioner from prosecution in Fulton County under another criminal statute, the violation of that statute occurring at a different date, time, and place. Gravieres v. United States, 220 U.S. 338, 342 (1911); see Blockburger v.

United States, 284 U.S. 299, 304 (1932). To support his claim of double jeopardy, the Petitioner must show that the offenses charged are in law and in fact the same offense. Gravieres v. United States, supra at 343; United States v. Marable, 578 F.2d 151(5th Cir. 1978); Hattaway v. United States, 399 F.2d 431, 432 (5th Cir. 1968). The heart of double jeopardy is thus the prohibition against multiple prosecutions for the same offense, and unless each offense requires proof of an additional fact that the other does not, trial of the greater offense forecloses trial of the lesser or vice versa. Brown v. Ohio, supra; Blockburger v. United States, supra.

However, the fact that an offender violates in a single transaction for example several criminal statutes does not make it one crime for the purposes of conviction and punishment. Gore v. United States, 357 U.S. 386 (1958). Likewise, the same course of conduct on the same occasion may amount to separate offenses, each of which may be separately punished. Ebeling v. Morgan, 237 U.S. 625 (1915); Morgan v. Devine, 237 U.S. 632 (1915); Gravieres v. United States, supra. The stream of criminal conduct engaged in by the Petitioner in both Walton and Fulton Counties concerned commercial gambling and the communicating of gambling information. The later Fulton County conviction involved communicating gambling information in violation of Ga. Code Ann. § 26-2706 on December 20, 1975. The earlier Walton County prosecutions involved not only communicating gambling information, but also commercial gambling in violation of Ga. Code Ann. § 26-2703 for a twenty day period ending in Walton County on December 15, 1975. Clearly, the Fulton County

matter which is under attack in this petition involves distinct transactions at different times, different places and different dates. Blockburger v. United States, supra at 301. Furthermore, the act of communicating gambling information does not create an offense of engaging in a forbidden business, but penalizes each communication and each conversation, so that each conversation constitutes a distinct offense, regardless of how close they may follow each other. Id. at p. 302.

> "'If successive impulses are separately given, even though all united in swelling a common stream of action, separate indictments lie'" Wharton's Criminal Law, 11th ed., § 34 or, as stated in note 3 to that section, the test is whether the individual acts are prohibited, or the course of action which they constitute. If the former, then each act is punishable separately . . . If the latter there can be but one penalty. Id.

Sub judice, the crimes of commercial gambling and communicating gambling information when committed at different times and in different places are not as the Petitioner suggests included offenses, since each individual act is prohibited, and as such each act may be punished separately no matter how close they may be in time to each other. See e.g., Bins v. United States, 331 F.2d 390, 393 (5th Cir. 1964). Furthermore, the Fulton County conviction does not arise out of the

Walton County convictions, the only common ground being that the Walton wire taps led to the implementation of a tap in Fulton County which subsequently resulted in the Petitioner committing separate and distinct criminal acts of communicating gambling information in violation of Ga. Code Ann. § 26-2706 at a later time, date and place.

As this Court noted in Iannelli v. United States, 420 U.S. 778 (1975), concerning the offenses of conspiracy and violating gambling laws under 18 U.S.C. § 1955, that Congress intended for each offense to be an "'independent curb' available for use in the strategy against organized crime." Id. at p. 785. Likewise, it can be said that the General Assembly of Georgia intended for the offenses of communicating gambling information and commercial gambling to be separate and distinct crimes for combating organized crime. Similarly, it can be said that the Georgia General Assembly in enacting Ga. Code Ann. § 26-2706 (Communicating Gambling Information), and Ga. Code Ann. § 26-2703 (Commercial Gambling), intended to " . . . turn the screw of the criminal machinery -detection, prosecution and punishment tighter and tighter." Gore v. United States, 357 U.S. 386, 390 (1958). Consequently, in the areas of narcotics and gambling there is legislative intent that there may be prosecutions for separate and distinct criminal acts regardless of how close in time they occur to each other when there is legislative intent that it is the individual acts which are to be prohibited and not just the course of action. Blockburger v. United States, supra at p. 302. In this case, the communication of gambling information in Fulton County on December 20, 1975, constituted a fresh communication by the Petitioner, or as stated in Blockburger, supra,

"a new bargain." Id. at p. 303.

The Petitioner seeks to place great emphasis on the fact that both the Walton and Fulton taps were to be "continuing". This emphasis on the word "continuing" is misplaced in terms of this petition because the words "continuing nature" refer to the fact that the law enforcement officers wished to have the wire tap remain through the entire twenty day period and not to have it terminate upon the interception of one or more calls which may have indicated gambling activity. Therefore, the words "continuing nature," merely refer to the fact that the law enforcement officers wished the tap to remain in effect for the twenty days as authorized by Ga. Code Ann. § 26-3004 rather than having it terminate upon the first intercept containing a conversation involving the communicating of gambling information.

Since the Fulton County offenses of communicating gambling information are not lesser included offenses of the Walton County prosecutions which also involved communicating gambling information, but rather contain separate and distinct prohibited criminal actions at a different time, date and place, the Petitioner's reliance upon Brown v. Ohio, supra, is not applicable.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, Respondent respectfully urges this Court to deny the petition for writ of certiorari filed on behalf of the Petitioner, James Bert Williams.

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